



Feb 22, 2016



We welcome Lisanna Byrd to KYMS. Lisanna is the new director for Bardstown Main Street. I met with her last week & she is full of energy and ideas. Former director, Samantha Brady has taken the executive director position for the Chamber of Commerce and they are located in the same building. Bardstown will be an exciting place with these two young woman working on economic development.



Learn more: <http://1.usa.gov/1Of7cxl>

Many of you have asked what can we do for Steve? He has enjoyed getting cards/notes from people. He is overwhelmed with the kindness that everyone has shown to him in recent weeks. The following is a post from Facebook. A Gofundme page has been set up for Steve by his friend Holly McMillian. The link is listed below in case you would like to contribute.

Our good friend Steve Walton - that great guy who has brought such energy and creativity to Paris and Bourbon County with the Downtown and Tourism programs, and smiles as well as success to endeavors from France to Lexington to Georgetown and many places in between has been diagnosed with inoperable brain tumors which are limiting his mobility and requiring full time care.

Many of you have said that you wished there was something you could do to help. And there is.

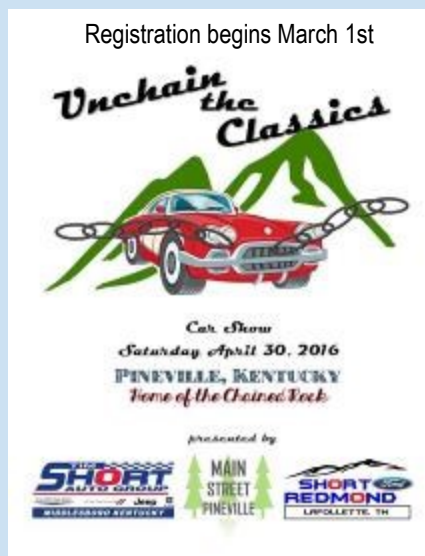
We have an amazing team of qualified, experienced caretakers lined up to provide the necessary care - financial contributions are needed to be sure they can be compensated - a costly endeavor that is not covered by insurance.

This will be an ongoing expense - so we ask that you join us in giving as generously as you can , as often as you can, to insure the quality care that will make such a difference in Steve's life.

Join us now in taking this opportunity to let this great man know how much he is appreciated by assisting in his care.

<https://www.gofundme.com/2nq8fyg4?rcid=57ca581ad8ce11e5b354bc764e0525d6>

UPCOMING EVENTS



Get your application in today for Henderson Artisan Market May 14, 2016 in Audubon Mill Park!! Kids activities sponsored by HorseFeathers Gifts and Live Music by Heath & Molly from 12 to 3pm!! <http://www.dhpartisanmarket.com/>

This week's KYMS Schedule

Tuesday: Bellevue and Covington
Wednesday: Nicholasville & Louisville
Thursday: Hazard
Friday: Pikeville
Sunday: Board training-Perryville



There was quite a crowd at Bellevue's White Carnival this past week-end. It is typically celebrated with winter weather, but mother nature showed a little love and shared that she too is a fan of our Main Street communities!



Scenes from Winchester's Wine About Winter that was held February 11th



Look who's a Kentucky Proud farmer! None other than Paducah director, Melinda Winchester!

Main Street Perryville

TheCrazyTourist.com is not so crazy; Perryville (battlefield, town, Boyle's west end) is indeed one of the 21 most beautiful places to visit in Kentucky!

It is also Kentucky's first commercial district!

State SHPO, Craig Potts, and I were in Springfield on the 9th to present them with several Main Street awards! Director Nell Haydon can be seen below. My apologies for not getting the names of the others in attendance.

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 ★ brought together the Main ★
 ★ Street program, Washington ★
 ★ Co. High School and St. ★
 ★ Catharine College's Fine Art ★
 ★ Department. And as they all ★
 ★ said, "It was a BLAST!" ★
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John Strickland, third from right, was honored as a Preservation Hero. John grew up in Savannah Ga which instilled his love of preservation. John and his wife have restored several buildings in downtown Springfield in the last few years. Their contribution to downtown is greatly appreciated.

Craig and I were pleased to present the Best Adaptive Reuse Award to Holly Wiedemann of AU Associates for the renovation of the Historic Robertson & McChord Building one of the most imposing of Springfield's commercial structures that sits at the corner of Main and Main Cross. The 12,500 sq ft. Romanesque Revival building sat empty for almost 7 years. It now contains seven housing units and 2,000 sq ft. of retail space on the first floor.



Thursday night I spoke at a community meeting in Madison Co. on Main Street and how we can assist in communities looking to be age-friendly. Our communities should be friendly to everyone. Something we will be looking at for all of our communities as we partner with them, AARP, and others who are eager to work with us.

On Feb 11-12 I met in Lexington with Kathy LaPlante of NMSC and Josh Bloom from the CLUE group along with Richard Young of NoLi CDC (North Limestone community development group) & Andrea James of Bluegrass Community Foundation to begin a pilot program of the 4-Point Refresh.

We met with different groups of stakeholders and had lots of good discussions. I look forward to our continued participation which will allow me to be a better leader to you as some of these things become implemented. Currently we are in a holding pattern of sorts, but will be making some of our own transitions for 2017. Not to worry, its all good! (Even the sign said so!, Andrea and I are making U's with our fingers so as to spell my last name correctly)



We toured one of the container homes that is under construction, it was wonderful.



The 11th was a cold and blustery day!



Richard, Samantha, Kathy, Andrea, Me, Josh, and Ethan Howard director of Lexington's Downtown Development Authority.

You're invited!!! This FREE one-day conference features national, regional, and local experts presenting a variety of perspectives on the following topics:

- Air Quality
- USDOT's FAST Act guidance and implementation
- Federal Highway's Ladders of Opportunity
- KY's implementation of environmental promises - Livability and Climate Change
- New guidance for federal funding: Block Grants, STP, CMAQ, TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program)
- NEPA, as well as updates on Several Major Projects

To register go to: <http://transportation.ky.gov/Planning/Pages/2016-Nature%27s-Call-to-Action-Conference.aspx>

Be sure to **select the Pre-Conference activity** in which you'd like to participate.



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